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This noted family sprang into prominence in the history of Scotland when the Charter of the Marldom was established and granted to a branch of the family of St. David, or of Malcolm, of the Highlands of Scotland. There is a tradition that the family carried a strong infusion of Saxon blood. The Marldom was established when:-

FERRHARD (FARGUHARD) ROSS.

Ferrhard Ross was granted a Charter of the Marldom in 1210. He founded the Abbey of Fearn in Ross-shire, Scotland. This was during the reign of King Alexander, II, of Scotland. His son:-

EARL WILLIAM ROSS.

Second Earl of Ross.

Earl William Ross was one of the Nobles who bound themselves to make no peace with England in which the Prince and Chiefs of Wales were not included. His son:-

EARL HUGH ROSS.

Third Earl of Ross.

Earl Hugh Ross (evidently) married Matilda Bruce, sister of King Robert Bruce of Scotland. They had a daughter, -----, who married Sir John Erskine of Erskine. Alice Erskine, a daughter of this marriage was the first wife of Walter Fitz Alan, High Steward of Scotland. Matilda Bruce (above) was a daughter of Robert Bruce, Earl of Carrick and Marjory (or Martha) Kennedy, daughter of Neil Kennedy, Earl of Carrick. Marjory Kennedy conferred on her husband the title of Earl of Carrick as there was no male heir to the Marldom of Carrick. Earl Hugh Ross and wife had a son:-

EARL HUGH ROSS.

Fourth Earl of Ross.

Earl Hugh Ross, 4th. Earl. married his first cousin, JANE STEWART, a daughter of Walter Fitz Alan (above). She was a daughter of the first marriage of Walter. Walter Fitz Alan married a second time, MARJORY BRUCE, oldest daughter of King ROBERT BRUCE. (By arrangement of the Scottish parliament the royal line of descent passed through this marriage to their son, Robert. In the meant time, Walter Fitz Alan had assumed the surname of Stewart and his children were all known as the Stewart family. The only child of Walter Stewart and Marjory Bruce was ROBERT STEWART, King of Scotland. He married MARGARET, Countess of Moray, daughter of HUGH, 4th. Earl of Ross (above), as his second wife. King Robert Stewart had a younger brother, Robert Bruce Stewart, who was created Earl of Ross after the death of Earl William Ross, who left no male heir and his only daughter, Euphemia entered a convent as a nun.

Robert Bruce Stewart, 6th. Earl of Ross married Helen, daughter of Capt. Allan Vipont of Lochleven. Their son:-

ROBERT BRUCE STEWART.

He received from King David, II, a Charter to the castles of Clackmannan, Gyrmaiston, Garclaw, Kennault and Pittfalden. He was killed at Shrewsbury July 23, 1403. His daughter, Helen, married David Ross of Balnagowan. (Return to HUGH, 4th. Earl of Ross, above).

EARL HUGH ROSS.

Fourth Earl of Ross, (above).

He was born 1270. His second wife was Margaret Graham. They had a younger son:-

HUGH ROSS, 1300.

This Hugh Ross was created first Laird Ross of Balnagowan. He married ----- They had a son:-

WILLIAM ROSS.

Second Laird Ross of Balnagowan.

He married ----- They had a son:-

WALTER ROSS.

Third Laird Ross of Balnagowan.

He married Katherine MacTye, daughter of Paul, the Freebooter, a descendant of Olaf, 5th. King of Man. (Isle of Man). Olaf, 5th. married Christian MacLagart, daughter of Ferobard (Ferguard) first Earl of Ross of Ross-shire Scotland. Their son:-

HUGH ROSS

Fourth Laird Ross of Balnagowan.

His descendants descend through two titled lines. The first or elder line descends through the line of Shandick, Balnachie via several generations to the Ross family of Balblair (The family of George Ross of Pennsylvania, including George Ross, signer of the Declaration of Independence and of John Ross, whose widow designed the U.S. Flag.

The second or younger line from HUGH, 4th. Laird Ross of Balnagowan, descends via:-

WILLIAM ROSS.

Younger son of the fourth Laird Ross of Balnagowan. His son:-

ALEXANDER ROSS, who had a son:-

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ALEXANDER ROSS, " " " "

ALEXANDER ROSS.

Created first laird of Easter Fearn, whose grandson:-

ALEXANDER ROSS.

became third Laird of Easter Fearn. He was living in 1870.

His grandson:-

WILLIAM ROSS.

Who had a son:-

WILLIAM ROSS.

First of Balnagore. He lived in Scotland about 1650.

This family joined the Covenanters and became active in the troublous recollections of that time in Scotland and finally were exiled or fled to Ulster, Ireland. Members of this family were early immigrants to Pennsylvania and settled in Chester, Lancaster and York Counties.

FAMILIES ORDERED TO REMOVE TO ULSTER

1653.

James Ross, James Ross, Jr., Robert Ross.

1679.

Because of the rebellion at Bothwell Bridge. Listed as Attainted Rebels. Either banished or escaped :-

James Ross.

Signers of the Address, for aid and relief to King William, at the siege of Londonderry Jan. 5, 1689

James Ross and William Ross.

Following the extreme persecutions of the Covenanters practiced by Queen Anne large numbers of the Covenanters began moving to America 10,000 came over in 1713 and among them was John Ross who settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Other members of the Ross family came to America in a few years. Some settled in Philadelphia, others in Lancaster County, and in York County, and at least one family settled in Connecticut or Rhode Island. A John Ross who settled in Philadelphia and engaged in the mercantile trade later moved to the Carolinas and became a noted merchant there. His descendants have been people of prominence there.

The Ross family of Scotland were intermarried with the Bruce, Erskine, Cooper, Ray, Maxwell, Montgomery, Marlborough, Clifton and other famous families of Scotland. Their descendants are scattered throughout America in both the United States and British America. Here ever found they have been public spirited, ambitious and actively successful in business and the professions.

JAMES ROSS.

The parents of James Ross were living at Rooster, County Donegal, Ireland when the Irish invasion of Ulster began in 1688. The family was fleeing to Londonderry and, being overtaken by the Irish soldiers, his mother hid him under a bush as he was a small child at the time. His parents were of the Scottish nobility and were Covenanters. He was married twice, the names of his parents and of his wives have not been found. His father was probably either James or William Ross who signed the address for relief to King William in 1689. There were children of both his marriages. Only two have been listed, viz:-

1. John, b.-----, d.----- (Records not completed)
2. Samuel, b. 1725, d. 1816. (Born in Ireland).

SAMUEL ROSS.

He came to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, whether as a child or grown is not stated. The name of his wife is unknown. There were several children of whom:-

AGNES ROSS.

Born Feb. 5, 1757, d. Aug. 5, 1841.

Agnes Ross married Robert Cunningham in Lancaster County, Penna. They moved to Ross County, Ohio soon after the Revolution. They have a strong tradition of kinship to Senator James Ross of Pennsylvania. They were the parents of several children of whom:-

NANCY CUNNINGHAM.

Born Dec. 27, 1798, d.-----

Nancy Cunningham married James Elder Kerr. They engaged in farming in Ross County, Ohio. Their daughter:-

ELIZABETH KERR.

Born-----, d.-----

Elizabeth Kerr married John Beatty. He was born -----1828, died ----- and was a descendant of an old Lancaster County, Pennsylvania family of Covenantor stock. He was a son of Alexander Beatty and Margaret Crawford Irving, and a descendant of the Beatty family of Lancaster and York Counties of Pennsylvania. The Beatty family moved to Newton, Iowa. They were the parents of several children of whom:-

ESTHER BEATTY.

Esther Beatty graduated at Iowa State College in 1898. She married M. S. Ketcham. They live at 1114 West California Ave., Wrenna, Ohio. He is a member of the faculty of Illinois University.

MARGARET CRAWFORD IRVING.

Ewing notes.

This family is one of considerable antiquity in Scotland's history. Tradition says that the family came to England at the time of the Norman conquest. The family name is a derivation of Ewin or Evyn. The family appeared at Bann in Argyleshire Scotland about 1400 A.D. They claim descent from The Bruce through the marriage of one of the family to a grand daughter of Bruce. The clan was an offshoot of the clan Lamont. Broken in the contests in the Highlands, the clan was dispersed and its organization lost. About 1550 to 1560 the members of the clan took refuge in the adjacent low lands district of the Lennox which includes Darnarton and the greater part of Sterling. For sometime previously the family used the prefix "Mac." meaning son. About this time many dropped the prefix and the name changed to Ewing. They were allied with the Campbells against the Gordons. They were aggressive against the misrule of the British Kings and espoused the cause of the covenanters and were ardent Presbyterians. At the suppression of the Earl of Montmouth's Rebellion and, at the same time, the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Oct. 18, 1685, which was followed shortly by the celebration of High Mass in full splendor by the church of England, many aggressive Scots were compelled to flee to Ulster or America for their lives.

WILLIAM EWING.

He was apparently born about 1630, in Argyllshire, Scotland. He married Eliza Milford. There are records of at least two sons:-

1. James, b. about 1655.
2. William, b. about 1669.

JAMES EWING.

He apparently moved to Ulster, Ireland about 1685 and settled near Coleraine, Derry county. His brother, William, settled there about the same time. They were obliged to flee from Scotland when persecution was renewed with diabolical fury following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The name of his wife is unknown. There are records of four sons, viz:-

1. Capt. Charles, b. -----
2. Thomas, b. -----
3. Robert, b. -----
4. William, b. -----

CAPTAIN CHARLES EWING.

He was active in the siege of Londonderry and for distinguished bravery at the Battle of the Boyne, June 1st, 1690 he was rewarded with a silver handled sword by Prince William of Orange. The name of his wife is unknown. There were at least three sons:-

1. Thomas, b. 1695, d. 1747. To New Jersey.
2. Bindley, Same to Maryland.
3. Robert, Same to Pennsylvania.

THOMAS EWING, 1695 to 1747.

He married Mary Mackell. She was born 1701, died 1734.

They lived at Greenwich, New Jersey. Of their children was:-

1. Thomas, b. 1722, d. 1772.

THOMAS EWING, JR.

He was married three times. His third wife, Sarah Vickers had a son:-

1. George Ewing, b. 1754, d. 1825.

GEORGE EWING

He married Rachel Harris. Their son:-

THOMAS EWING

1789-1871.

He married Miss Doyle and their daughter became the wife of Gen.

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William Tecumseh Sherman. Thomas Ewing, became U.S. Senator of Ohio. He was closely related to General Ewing, who issued the famous Order No. 11 that caused such a furor during the Civil War in Western Missouri in ordering all residents of four counties, Jackson, Bates, Pates and Vernon of Missouri who were unable to prove their loyalty to the Union cause to leave the country. Those who were loyal were ordered to take refuge within the lines of the Federal army posts. All provisions not usable by the army and refugees to be destroyed. All people found in the district after a specified date to be considered outlaws and treated as such. This order followed five days after the daybreak raid and massacre of unarmed citizens of Lawrence, Kansas by the Quantrel band of outlaws. They masqueraded as southern sympathizers and were given protection and aid by southern people of the four listed counties. This practically ended the activities of Quantrels notorious band.

FINDLAY EWING.

See Ewing history by Judge P.K. Ewing.

ROBERT EWING.

Son of Capt. Charles Ewing. married Mary Baker.

He had a son:-

ROBERT EWING, JR.

He married Mary Baker of Lancaster Co. Pa. between 1747 and 1750. They lived in Pennsylvania and were the parents of about 11 children. The third son of the family:-

John, b. about 1755, d. in 1806(?), 11, Finis, youngest, 7/10/1773

JOHN EWING.

He married Martha Baker, daughter of Rev. Caleb Baker. Judge Ewing does not trace his family. but says that his youngest brother, Finis, moved to Missouri. Esther Beatty Hetcher says her family believe that this John Ewing was their ancestor. Their ancestor, John Ewing moved to Ohio. from Lancaster Co. Pa. to Lancaster, Ohio. He was the father of:-

1. William, b. ----, d. ----

2. Thomas, b. Jan. 31, 1752, d. Feb. 14, 1827. mar. Margaret Edwards, 6/26/'05.

3. David, b. --, d. ----

4. Matthew, b. ----, d. ----

5. Martha, b. ----, d. ---- married ---- Van Horn.

6. Jane, b. ----

7. Mary, b. ----, d. ---- married ---- Dancan.

8. Rebecca, b. ----, d. ---- married ---- Blanton.

THOMAS EWING

MARRIED Margaret Edwards. They were the parents of:-

1. Margaret Crawford, b. April 23, 1807, d. Jan. 17, 1856.

MARGARET CRAWFORD EWING.

She married John Beatty on ---- They moved to Newton, Iowa.

Ewing notes, Continued.

ROBERT E. Ewing, Jr. and Mary Baker were the parents of:-

1. Sidney Ann, b. ---- married Adam Linn.
2. John, b. ---- married Martha ---- (Baker, ?)
3. Robert, b. ----, d. ----
4. Baker, b. ----, d. ----
5. Martha, b. ---- married John Mills, Potomac Co. Virginia.
6. Young, b. ----, d. ----
7. Urban, b. ----, d. ---- married a daughter of George Ewing.
8. Reuben, b. 1766, d. 1820. married Frances Whitsett. Virginia.
9. Polly, b. ----, d. ---- married John Ewing, son of George Ewing.
10. Chatham, b. 1770, d. ---- married Elizabeth Campbell.
11. Jane, b. ----, d. ---- married Peter Kelley, a Revolutionary soldier.
12. Fidis, b. July 10, 1778. married Margaret Davidson, to Lexington, Va.

The above notes from Ewing history by, Judge P.K. Ewing. (W.R.C.)

JAMES ROSS.

Antrim County, Ireland.

Whether this is the same James Ross mentioned previously in this record is not definitely proven, but he was probably the same or at least a first cousin of the preceding James. He was probably born about 1670. He was of noble birth and a presbyterian. The maiden name of his wife is unknown. He was probably one of the signers of the address to King William in 1689. He came to Pennsylvania about 1723. The names of his children definitely known are:-

1. Hugh, b. about 1690, d. about 1770. to Pennsylvania, 1723.
2. John, b. 1692, d. ---- 1757. married Margaret Andrews, To Penna, 1718.
3. James, b. ----, d. ---- settled at Faggs Manor, Chester Co. Pa.
4. William, b. ----, d. ---- settled in Connecticut.

HUGH ROSS.

He married Elizabeth Clifford. They came to Pennsylvania about 1720 or 1722. They were probably married in Ireland. They purchased a tract of land in Lower Chanceford township, York County, Pennsylvania, known as Ross's Chance in 1723. This land was handed down from father to son until a recent date when it passed from the hands of the family. They were the parents of:-

1. Elizabeth, b. ----, d. ---- married Alexander McCandless.
2. Janet, b. ----, d. ---- married Joseph Reed.
3. Mary, b. ----, d. ---- " John Burdon.
4. Joseph, b. ----, d. ---- married Jane Graham.
5. William, b. 1737, d. April 13, 1816, married Margaret Evans. Cecil Co. Md.

ELIZA RUTH ROSS.

She married Alexander McCandless. Nothing more of this family has been traced.

JANET ROSS.

She was the second wife of Capt. Joseph Reed of Lower Chanceford township, York County, Pa. Joseph Reed's mother was ---- -Cooper. They were the parents of:-

1. Elizabeth, b. 1774, d. Aug. 13, 1858.
2. George, b. Aug. 2, 1777, d. April 6, 1857 at Erie, Pa.

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3. William, b. Aug. 15, 1780, d. Jan. 30, 1806.

ELIZABETH REED.

She married her cousin, James Reed, son of Col. --- Reed. They moved to Washington, Co. Pennsylvania. They were the parents of:-

1. Joseph, b. ---, d. --- married Jane Beatty.
2. William, b. ---, d. --- " Rosanna Lyle.
3. Jane, b. ---, d. 3/4/1852. single.
4. John, b. ---, d. --- Married Josephine Lyle.
5. James, b. ---, d. --- " Margaret Glass.

GEORGE REED.

He married Mary McCreary of Pequa, Lancaster Co. Pa. They moved to Mill Creek Township, Erie Co. Pa. They were farmers and parents of:-

1. Rebecca Jane, b. March 11, 1805, d. --- married ---
- #2. Joseph, b. Jan. 1, 1807, d. Sept. 17, 1844.
3. John McCreary, b. July 28, 1810, d. ---
4. Eliza Ann, b. Oct. 30, 1813, d. ---
5. William, b. June 4, 1816, d. ---
6. James Latta, b. March 13, 1821, d. ---

(#1) JOSEPH REED.

Son of George Reed and Mary McCreary.

He married Jane Grubb Sept. 19, 1837 in Erie County, Pa. They were farmers and the parents of:-

1. John Grubb, b. Sept. 27, 1838, d. ---
2. George, b. May 20, 1840, d. ---
3. Mary Alicia, b. April --- 1843.

JOHN GRUBB REED.

He married Candace Eliza Blair March 15, 1864. She was a daughter of John Wallace Blair and Candace strong. They were farmers and the parents of:-

1. John Elmer, b. Feb. 27, 1865.
2. George Arthur, b. Feb. 27, 1869.
3. Joseph Wilbur, b. March 27, 1871.
4. Mary Ellen, b. Aug. 7, 1873.
5. Edith Jane, b. Sept. 16, 1876.
6. James Ross, b. Feb. 24, 1880.

Note:- These records prepared by J.E. Reed, 512-517 Masonic Temple, Erie, Penna.

MARY ROSS.

Daughter of Hugh Ross and Elizabeth Clifford.

She married John Purdon in 1765. He was a merchant in Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pa. They were the parents of:- Several of which:-

1. John, b. 1782, d. 1835.

JOHN PURDON, JR.

He was evidently the youngest child. He was a lawyer and author of Purdon's digest of the laws of Pennsylvania. He married Mary Brian Boyle in 1821. Their son:-

JAMES PURDON.

Born Feb. 19, 1822, d. Nov. 3, 1886.

He was a merchant in the China trade and lived in Philadelphia. He was a banker. He married Lydia Swain Hathaway Nov. 29, 1853. They were the parents of:-

1. Lydia Hathaway, 1855-1838, married Edward Martin.
2. Mary Grame, b. 1858-1925.
3. Clara Nye, b. 1860-1914.

4. James, b. 1831, d. 1915.

5. John, b. Aug. 16, 1862 at Hong Kong, China.

Note: - Purdon records by John Purdon, H.B. Abbott Boulevard, Palisade, N.J. from Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. 4.

Mr. Purdon will be asked to complete the Purdon-Ross section of the family history. (W.R.C.)

JOSEPH ROSS:

JOSEPH ROSS

Son of Hugh Ross and Elizabeth Clifford.

He married Jane Graham and settled near Delta, York County, Pa. Her parents owned a large farm with an old mansion that is said to still stand in good preservation just at the edge of Delta. They were the parents of:-

1. Hugh, b. -----, d. in infancy.
2. James, b. July 12, 1762, d. Nov. 27, 1847.
3. Elizabeth, b. -----, d. -----

JAMES ROSS.

Son of Joseph.

He studied law and as soon as old enough he enlisted in the Revolution. He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania state service of the colonial army. He moved to Pittsburg, Pa. where he practiced law. He was active in the political affairs of the state and nation. He was a famous orator and being a man of exceptionally distinguished appearance, tall, erect and spoken of as an apollo among men, he was one of the noted pioneer figures west of the Alleghany mountains. He was agent and counsellor for Pres. Washingtons possessions and business affairs of that region. He served a term in the U.S. Senate from 1797 to 1805. He was a candidate for governor of the state as a Federalist but defeated by the antifederalist movement sponsored by Jefferson and his admirers. They called James Ross an aristocrat and an enemy of the common people. He was attorney for Captain Samuel Brady when the quakers accused Brady of murder because he, Brady, had killed some indians who had crossed from Ohio to Pennsylvania and killed some whitemen, stolen some white women and some horses. Brady intercepted the indians attempting to cross the river to Ohio and in rescuing the captured women killed a few indians. Captain Brady had earned the sobriquet of "The Daniel Boone of the Northwest territory. Brady was instantly acquitted from the jury box. The quakers never forgave James Ross for his defense of Brady.

James Ross married Ann Woods, a daughter of Judge Woods, Jan. 15, 1791. She was born Jan. 20, 1771 and died Sept. 11, 1805. They were the parents of:-

1. George Woods, b. -----, d. -----died single.
2. James, Jr., b. -----, d. -----
3. Mary Jane, b. -----, d. -----married Edward Coleman.
4. Mary(?), died in infancy.

MARY JANE ROSS.

She married Edward Coleman on-----at Pittsburg, Pa. They lived at Pittsburg and were the parents of:-

1. Mary, b. -----, d. ----- mar. Naturin Livingston Delafield.

ancestors of

JOHN ROSS DELA FIELD

OF THE LAW FIRM OF DELA FIELD, THOMEN, BURLEIGH & MARCH
20 Exchange Place, New York, N.Y.

ELIZABETH ROSS.

Daughter of Joseph Ross and Jane Graham.

She married Hugh Whiteford on-----at Delta, Pa. They lived in York County, Pa. and were the parents of:-

1. Jane, b.-----, d.-----
2. Eliza, b.-----, d.-----

JANE WHITEFORD.

Jane Whiteford married Robert Ramsey in 1821. They lived near Delta, York County, Pa and were engaged in farming. Robert Ramsey was the only son of John Ramsey who married Margaret McVey Cooper, widow of William Cooper of Delta, Pa. (See Cooper records by W.R. Cooper) John Ramsey was undoubtedly closely related to the Ramsey family of Lancaster County, Pa. that intermarried with the Secright and other families of Lancaster and York Counties. They were parents of:-

1. James Ross, b. April 9, 1822, d.----1911.
2. John Cunningham, b.-----, d.----
3. Hugh Whiteford, b.-----, d.----
4. William, b.-----, d.-----
5. Robert Nelson, b.-----, d.-----
6. Joseph Graham, b.-----, d.----
7. Sarah Elizabeth, b.-----, d.-----
8. Thomas Cooper, b.-----, d.-----
9. Samuel Martin, b.-----, d.-----

JAMES ROSS RAMSEY.

He entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church early in life. He moved to Ohio near where his cousin, William Cooper, had settled in 1835. He graduated at Jefferson College in 1840 and studied at Princeton three years. He married Martha Jane Livingston in Ohio May 29, 1849. Three children were born to them. His wife died and he then married Eliza J. Lilley July 24, 1853. The Cooper family moved to Iowa in 1850. He visited them in 1855 on his way to Oklahoma where he became a missionary to the Cherokee Indians. There were three children of the first marriage, two dying in infancy and the other at 21 single.

The following children were by the second marriage to Eliza J. Lilley. Viz:-

1. Mary, b.-----, d.----- married John Lilley, lived in Kansas.
 2. Sarah, b.-----, d.----- in infancy.
 3. Margaret, b.-----, d.----- married Rev. T.H. Candor, Missionary work at Bogota, U.S. Columbia, S. America.
 4. Addie, b.-----, d.----- 37 years Barranquilla, Columbia. single
 5. Hugh, b.-----, d.----- in infancy.
 6. Hamilton Irwin, b.-----, d.----- in infancy.
 7. James Robinson, b.-----, d.----- A miller at Delta, Pa.
 8. Charles Hedge, b.-----, d.----- single at 34 years.
- Rev. James Ross Ramsey married a third time, Mary Lois Diamant April 6, 1875. No children of this marriage.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM RAMSEY.

There is no record of his family.

HUGH WHITEFORD RAMSEY.

he married -----at-----on-----. They were engaged in----- and lived at----- They were the parents of:

1. Eliza, b.-----
3. Edgar, b.-----, d.-----

ELIZA RAMSEY. daughter of Hugh.

She married Morgan Whiteford, her cousin on-----at----- They live in Baltimore, Maryland.

There is no record of the children of Morgan Whiteford and wife.
EDGAR RAMSEY.

No further record.

WILLIAM RAMSEY.

No further record of his family.

ROBERT NELSON RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- They were engaged in ----- and lived at ----- They were the parents of:-

1. Elmer, b. -----, d. -----
2. Frederick, b. -----, d. -----
3. Albertus, b. -----, d. -----
4. John, b. -----, d. -----
5. Hugh Clarence, b. -----, d. -----
6. Charles F., b. -----

ELMER RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- They are the parents of ----- the following children and are farming in Harford County Maryland.

1. ----- born -----
2. ----- born -----

FREDERICK RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- He is Supt. of the Telephone Co. of Harford County, Maryland. They are the parents of:-

1. -----
2. -----

ALBERTUS RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- He is a rural route mail carrier in Harford county, Maryland. They are the parents of:-

1. -----
2. -----

JOHN RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- He is a merchant and rural route mail carrier in Harford County, Maryland. they are the parents of:-

1. -----
2. -----

HUGH CLARENCE RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- He is a missionary at ----- China. They are the parents of:-

1. -----
2. -----

CHARLES F. RAMSEY.

He married ----- at ----- on ----- and is cashier of the bank at Stewartstown, York Co. Pa. They are the parents of:-

1. -----, b. -----
2. -----, b. -----

JOSEPH/ GRADIN RAMSEY.

he married -----at----- on-----They were engage in
----- and lived at----- They were the parents of:-

- 1.Ebenezer Wilson, b.-----, d.-----
- 2.Addie(Adeline), b.-----, d.-----
- 3.Sarah Elizabeth, b.-----, d.-----

EBENEZER WILSON RAMSEY.

He married -----at----- on----- He is employed
in Railw@ work at Middletown, Penna. They are the parents of:-

- 1.-----, b.-----
- 2.-----, b.-----

ADDIE RAMSEY.

She married Delmar Thompson at-----on----- They
are engaged in farming at----- They are the parents of:-

- 1.Edith, b.----- married----- Res.at-----
- 2.Gertrude, b.----- "----- "-----
- 3.Graham, b.----- "----- "-----
- 4.Russell, b.----- "----- "-----
- 5.Charles, b.----- "----- "-----

SARAH ELIZABETH RAMSEY. (Dau. of Joseph Ramsey)

he married John a Dinsmore at-----on-----
They are engage in ----- and live at-----
They are the parents of:-

- 1.Rebecca, b.-----, d.----- married----- Res.-----
- 2.Jane, b.----- married Edward Everett McConkey, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 3.Carrie, b.----- " James L. McCaul, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 4.Annie, b.----- "----- Res.at-----
- 5.Rosa, b.----- "----- "-----

SARAH ELIZABETH RAMSEY.

daughter of Robert Ramsey and Jane Whiteford.
No further record of her.

THOMAS COOPER RAMSEY.

He married -----a-----on----- and lived at
York, York County, Pa. He was a member of the York-County Historical
Society and was engaged in----- They were parents of:-

- 1.Robert, b.----- farming at-----York county, Pa.
- 2.Howard, b.-----, d.----- (No further data)
- 3.Russell, b.----- Teller, bank, Delta, Pa.
- 4.Luella, b.-----married Hugh Kilgore, merchant Res,-----
- 5.Jennie, b.----- " Wm. Malone, farmer, York Co. Pa.
- 6.Eveline, b.----- " Porter Johnston, bricklayer, Harford Co,
Maryland.

SAMUEL MARTIN RAMSEY.

He married -----at-----on----- and lived
at York, Pa. They were engaged in----- and were the parents of
1.Mary, b.-----1861. married -----le Crone. He died. They
were childless. She is a nurse and lives at Delta, Pa.

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ELIZA Whiteford.

Daughter of Hugh Whiteford and Elizabeth Ross.

She married Hugh Whiteford, her first cousin, of Harford County, Maryland. He was a son of William Whiteford and Sarah Slenons. They lived on a farm in Harford County Maryland near Delta, Pa. They were the parents of:-

1. William Slenons, b.-----
 2. Hugh Ross, b.-----
 3. James Ross, b.-----
 4. Cunningham, b.-----
 5. Sarah Slenons, b.-----
 6. Elizabeth, b.-----
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WILLIAM ROSS.

Born, 1737, d. April 13, 1813.

He married Margaret Evans of Cecil County, Maryland. She was of a prominent family of Maryland planters. She was born in 1757 and died Dec. 4, 1793. They owned the old Ross family home in Lower Chanceford township, York County, Pa. He enlisted early in the Revolution and was soon promoted to the position of Colonel of the 5th. battalion of Pennsylvania Militia in 1778. The regiment saw active service around New York City, at Amboy, N.J., at Ft. Washington. He was a justice of Peace 27 years and a member of the general assembly in 1776. He was married twice. There were no children by the second marriage. The children by the first wife were:-

1. Hugh, b. 1786, d. 1873.
2. Elizabeth, b.-----, d.----- married Col. Thomas Neil, no children.
3. Sarah, b.----, d.---- (A noted beauty, married John Long of Maggs Manor, Chester Co. Pa. No children.

HUGH ROSS, 1785-1873.

He studied law, but because of an accident which left him with an impediment of speech, he did not practice his profession. He served in the war of 1812. He was justice of Peace for 40 years. He married Hannah Smith in 1809. They were the parents of:-

1. Elizabeth, b. July 20, 1810, d. Oct. 13, 1873.

Hugh Ross married a second time, Rebecca Glenn June 25, 1829. They lived on the old Ross estate in Chanceford Township, York County. The children of the second marriage were:-

1. William Glenn, b. Sept. 29, 1830, d. Jan. 18,-----
2. James Evans, b. Oct. 19, 1831, d. Jan. 4, 1900.
3. Rebecca Isabel, b. Oct. 22, 1835, d.-----

ELIZABETH ROSS.

Daughter of Hugh Ross and Hannah Smith.

She married William Cooper, June 18, 1829 at Delta, Pa. They were married by Rev. James Ewing. They were the parents of:-

1. Mary Eliza, b. May 30, 1830, d. March 20, 1909.
2. Margaret Agnes, b. March 4, 1832, d. Jan. ---1929.
3. Archibald Thomas, b. Oct. 31, 1833, d. Aug. 9, 1903.
4. Jane Ann, b. March 27, 1836, d. Feb. 23, 1889.
5. Hugh Ross July 2, 1838, d. July 13, 1841.
6. James Neil, b. June 29, 1840, d. April 7, 1923.
7. William Francis, b. Aug. 9, 1842, d. Jan. 29, 1920.
8. John Wesley, b. Oct. 13, 1844, d. March 8, 1860.

9. Fergus Smith, b. Nov 16, 1846, d. Dec. 29, 1913.
10. Ramsey Major, b. Jan. 8, 1849, d. Nov. 13, 1850.
11. Asbury Flethker, b. July 2, 1851, d. -----

Note:- for complete record of the Cooper-Ross family see the Cooper family records by W. Ross Cooper.

WILLIAM GLENN ROSS.

Son of Hugh Ross and Rebecca Glenn.
He married Julia Ann McConkey May 27, 1888. They lived on the old Ross estate in York county where they lived their entire life. They were the parents of:-

1. Mary Rebecca, b. ----, d. --in infancy.
2. Marion Woodside, b. Sept. 29, 1871.

MARION WOODSIDE ROSS.

She married Joseph Roy Shonalter Oct. 17, 1900. They live at Woodbine, York Co. Pa. They are the parents of:-

1. Julia McConkey, b. ----, d. --in infancy.
2. Hugh Ross, b. -----
3. Evans McDonald, b. -----

JAMES EVANS ROSS.

He married Miriam E. Warren on ---- at ----- They moved to Mexico, Missouri where he engaged in banking and was judge of the probate court many years. They were the parents of:-

1. Hugh Warren, b. Feb. 26, 1860.
2. May, b. March 14, 1861, d. Nov. 12, 1894. She married --- Oct. 1, 1884.
3. Etta, b. Sept. 21, 1865.
4. Julia, b. Feb. 28, 1867.
5. Miriam Evans, b. Feb. 11, 1876.

HUGH WARREN ROSS.

He married Mary Bourland Nov. 18, 1890. They live at Baird, Texas and are the parents of:-

1. -----, b. -----
2. -----, b. -----

ETTA ROSS.

She married W. F. Hubbard Nov. 20, 1890. They live at Chesterton, Maryland. They are the parents of:-

1. -----, b. -----
2. -----, b. -----

JULIA KATE ROSS.

Records indicate that she never married.

MIRIAM EVANS ROSS.

She married Fird Hix McGarvey at Mexico, Missouri on ----- they live at 4529 Hyde Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo. He is engaged in general brokerage business. They are the parents of:-

1. -----, b. --1907-A son.
2. Miriam -----, b. -----

REBECCA ISABEL ROSS, daughter of Hugh and Rebecca Glenn.

She married Harry Keyser on --- ----- They live at Chanceford, York County, Pa. They were the parents of:-

1. Harry Ross, b. Dec. 30, 1863, d. July 23, 1864.
2. Rebecca Glenn, b. Feb. 21, 1866.

3. Winchester, b. Oct. 27, 1868, d. Jan. 4, 1870.

4. Katherine Wallace, b. June 22, 1872, d. -----
1884 and died Jan. 1, 1885.

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RENECCA GLENN KAYSER.

She married Rev. Craig B. Cross Oct. 12, 1892. They lived at----- and were the parents of:-

- 1.-----, b.-----
- 2.-----, b.-----

WINCHESTER KAYSER.

He married Eliza Clarkson Fulton Oct.-----1893. They lived at----- and were the parents of:-

- 1.-----, b.-----
- 2.-----, b.-----

KATHERINE WALLACE KAYSER.

She married C. Collins Smith June 21, 1892. They lived at----- and were engaged in----- He was born Jan. 24, 1853 and died Dec. 27, 1925. They were the parents of:-

1. Isabel Kayser, b. Feb. 9, 1905.
2. John Collins, b. May 29, 1907.

Note by F.R.C.:--There is much uncertainty about the order of birth of the sons of James Ross first definitely recorded member of this family. Some say that John settled in Connecticut, others say that it was William that settled in New England and that he settled in Rhode Island in stead of Connecticut. The latter appears to be the most authentic, because Scotch-Irish presbyterians were not allowed to settle in any place in New England except Rhode Island until about 1750.

JOHN ROSS, Came to Chester Co. Pa. first in 1718 then to York Son of James Ross. (He married Margaret Andrews.

He was apparently born about 1690. He married in Ireland in or near Carrickfergus Miss Margaret--- They came to America as early as 1720 or earlier. He settled in York County, Pa. and died there in 1757. Of his family only one son is traced at the present time, viz:-

1. James, b. 1734, d. 1760 or 61.

JAMES ROSS.

He married Mary McKnight in 1769. She was born 1736 and died in 1807. They settled in Washington, Co. Pa. in 1760. He served as a private in the Revolution in the border warfare against the indians. They were the parents of:-

1. James, b. 1764, d. 1842, married Mary White.
2. Moses, b.-----, d.-----
3. Margaret, b.-----, d.-----
4. Andrew, b.-----, d.-----
5. John, b.-----, d.----- married-----
6. Hannah, b.-----, d.-----
- (?) 7. Margaret, b.-----, d.-----
8. Isabel, b. 1773, d. Sept. 3, 1856. married Ralph Cherry.
9. Phoebe (Febbe), b.-----, d.-----

JAMES ROSS.

Son of John Ross and Mary McKnight.

He married Mary White in 1790. She was born 1771 and died in 1793. They lived in Washington Co. Pa. and were the parents of:-

1. James Ross, 3rd., b. 1795, d. 1882. (Also several others.)

JAMES ROSS, 3rd.

He married Margaret Walker in 1819. She was born in 1796 and died in 1861. They moved to Perrysburg, Ohio. They were parents of:-

1. James White, b. 1322, d. 1896. (Also several others) 2

JAMES WHITE ROSS.

He married Catherine Darling in 1847. They were engaged in-----
----- and lived at Perrysburg, Ohio. They were the parents of:

1. Annette, b. Mar. 8, 1853, d. ----- (Also several others.

ANNETTE ROSS.

She married Dr. Charles R. Hume of Perrysburg, Ohio. They live at Anadarko, Oklahoma. He is surgeon for the Rock Island Ry. System. They are parents of:-

1. -----

2. -----

Note:- Mrs. Hume compiled quite a section of her branch of the Ross history. See First Families of America, Virkus Co. Mrs. Hume has the records of the other children of James Ross and Mary McKnight, except:-

ISRAEL ROSS.

She married Ralph Cherry about 1805. He was born in England in 1765 and died Sept. 20, 1861. They moved to a farm near Wooster, Ohio and both are buried there. Of their children only one is listed:-

1. Joseph, b. Sept. 24, 1807, d. Nov. 13, 1878.

JOSEPH CHERRY.

He married Jane Kyle July 10, 1823. She was born Jan. 4, 1811 and died July 3, 1887. She was a member of the Kyle family that came from Ulster, Ireland about 1795 and a relative of Dr. Melvin G. Kyle, president of Xenia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Mo. The children of Joseph Cherry and Jane Kyle were:-

1. -----, b. -----, d. ----- married Kier children in Nebraska.

2. John, b. -----, d. -----

3. Matilda, b. -----, d. -----

4. Martha Jane, b. -----

(The Kier family not traced.)

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JOHN CHERRY.

He married first Miss Miller and lived near Wooster, Ohio. They were the parents of:-

1. Amos, Joseph, Mary, -----, Annie, Benjamin, John Adley, Jennie.

His wife died in Ohio and he and the children moved to Quasqueton, Iowa about 1875. In a few years he married Mary Turner, daughter of Isaiah T. Turner. They lived at Quasqueton, Iowa and were the parents of:- 1. John, Jr. 2. Clara and two others. Some of them still live at Quasqueton, Iowa.

MATILDA CHERRY.

She married first ----- Allen in Ohio. They were the parents of:-

Edward, b. about 1867.

Matilda Cherry Allen and husband separated and after several years she married William Parker at Quasqueton, Iowa. (She and ----- Allen separated in Ohio.) The children of the second marriage were:-

1. Gertrude, b. 1876.

2. Jessie, b. -----

EDWARD ALLEN.

He married Sarah Boies, daughter of Norman Boies and ----- Morgan. They were parents of two sons. She died and he married Mary Small. No children of this marriage. He still lives at Quasqueton or Winthrop, Iowa.

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GENTRUDE PARKER.

She married Samuel Anson at Quasqueton, Buchanan county, Iowa. They are farming at Quasqueton, Iowa and are the parents of:-

- 1., X.-----
- 2.-----
- 3.-----

JESSIE PARKER.

She married -----and lives at Quasqueton, Iowa.

They are the parents of:-

- 1.-----, b.-----
- 2.-----, b.-----

MARTHA JANE CHERRY.

Martha Jane Cherry was born near Wooster, Ohio about 1858. She came to Iowa with her parents and married Alfred D. Stoneman on----- They lived at Quasqueton, Iowa where he engaged in business until he died. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, viz:-

1. Earl, b.-----, d.-----
2. Imogene, b.-----
- 3.-----
- 4.-----
- 5.-----
6. Nellie, b.----- lives at RedOak, Iowa.

EARL STONEMAN.

He married -----at----- and lives at Quasqueton, Iowa.

INNOCENT STONEMAN

She married Clarence E. Braden of Vinthrop, Iowa. They are the parents of two daughters and live at 367 Kendall St. Aurora, Illinois.

JAMES ROSS.

Brother of Hugh, John and William.

There is much uncertainty about his family record. He is said to have settled in Chester County, Pa. He was probably the father of the family credited by Mrs. Galen Hartman to William Ross. The York Co. Pa. family state that William Ross was the one that settled in Connecticut while Mrs. Hartman says John was the one who settled in Connecticut. Mrs. Hume states that John Ross settled in York County and moved to Washington, County or at least his family did.

The family in Chester County that lived at Faggs Manor comes down through a :-

WILLIAM ROSS.

born about 1705 and died 1799.

He was taxed in Chester County in 1765. He married Elizabeth Kidd. They were the parents of eight children of whom:-

PROF. JAMES ROSS.

Born June 13, 1744, died 1827.

He taught languages at Chambersburg, Philadelphia and other places. He married, 1st. Rebecca Sharp, no children; 2nd. Catherine Irvine, no children. He lived for a time near Russellville, Chester Co. Pa.

Note:- (U.S.C.) There were both Sharp and Irvine families living in Cumberland and Franklin Counties near Chambersburg, Pa. at the time Prof. James Ross was living there. They were intermarried with other families also inter married with other branches of the Ross family.

JOHN OR WILLIAM ROSS.

Who settled in Connecticut.

Very little definite data has been secured of this family. Which ever it was is said to have been a sea Captain and the ancestor of Rev. Robert Ross.

Note:- Mrs. Galen Hartman of Pittsburg, Pa. states that Mary Ross sister of Senator James Ross married a second time, John McKittrick. He was born 1748 and died 1835, being some where near the age of her father. They were parents of children, number not stated but their descendants are the McKittricks of Ohio. (W.R.C.) Possibly Mr. DeLafield of New York can give some data of this family.

Note:- Mrs. W.W. Hubbard (Etta Ross) collected much data of the Ross family some twenty five years ago. Inquiries have been made to her to which she never replied. She lives at Chestertown, Maryland.

Mrs. Galen C. Hartman, 5758 Kentucky Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. has collected considerable material of the Ross family.

Miss Etta Kyle, 144 West Rayen Ave., Youngstown, Ohio has some Ross family data of what is undoubtedly a branch of this family, which she is desirous of clearing up..

COMMENT

by

W. Ross Cooper.

The various members of the Ross family in tracing their records confined their work to just their own direct branch and did not go into collateral lines or make notation of descent of brothers or sisters or cousins or take the trouble to locate allied branches and gather addresses or dates to aid in locating such branches.

Note:- Mrs. Esther Beatty Ketchum, mentioned earlier in this sketch, states that her Ross ancestral line were related to Senator James Ross of Pennsylvania and that late in life he moved to Ross County, Ohio which was named for him and as her family lived in Ross County Ohio.

COMMENT

Many investigators give up in despair when asked to aid in tracing a branch of a family that moved to distant parts of the country and from which no word has been received for some years.

The author has had unusual success in this field. If any data can be given of the general vicinity where the family had been known to live within the past 50 years by writing to the church the family espoused and having the pastor ask old settlers if they knew the family and what had become of them. In 90% of these inquiries definite information was secured and the family found and restored to the family circle. Inquiries to Commercial clubs of large cities often bring definite information. Example:- The author was asked to trace a lost family and all the data offered was the mans name, date of birth, 1799, his wifes maiden name and the name of one son and the statement that the family moved to central Iowa about 1850. This request came in 1923. It took about a dozen letters to locate the family positively.

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The author assumed that some of the family would gravitate to the nearest large city and directed his efforts to the Capital city of Des Moines, finally securing the list of similar names from the Telephone directory, he made a selection of a name and the first letter sent brought positive results. It located a grand son of the man who had strayed away.

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